

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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COAL BLOCKS TO BELLARY POWER PROJECT

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Karnataka for the allotment of coal blocks for Bellary Thermal Power Plant and financial support to meet the power shortage in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : Government of Karnataka has requested for allocation of coal blocks, namely Fatehpur East, Sayang and Fatehpur, for Bellary Thermal Power Station Unit-2 (500 MW). The Screening Committee in its meetings held from 20th to 23rd June, 2007 and 13th September, 2007 considered the applications on merits. The Committee did not recommend allocation of these blocks to Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL). Ministry of Coal had earlier allotted captive coal blocks viz. Baranj I to IV, Manoradeep and Kiloni to Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) for supply of coal to Bellary Thermal Power Plant, Unit-1 (500 MW).

As regards the linkage of coal to Bellary Thermal Power Station (TPS) Unit 2 (500 MW), the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) in the Ministry of Coal in its meeting held on 2nd August, 2007 has recommended grant of Letter of Assurance for the project.